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WHen his Excellency the Field-Marshal and General Governour *Van Ferssen* was safely returned the 28th day of *May* into *Malmoo*, from the Camp at *Ronneberga*, and well knew that His Majesty of *Sweden* had an intention to draw himself something back towards the old Limits of *Swedeland*, for to joyn with his other Troops, that had kept there their Winter-quarters, made immediately his estimate, that the Enemy would lay hold on such an advantageous a time; having fresh Men and great Forces, for the conquering of *Malmoo*, the most important Place of the Dukedom of *Schoneu*: And therefore immediately dispatched his Orders into the Countrey about *Istad* and *Tretleborg*, for those Troops that as yet stayed there in their Quarters, to come in to him, and to avoid a surprizal by the Enemy: Whereupon some of the said Troops came in, but some neglected to do it; which, if they be come to our Army, or have been intercepted by the Enemy, we as yet do not know: And his Excellency having brought along with him into *Malmoo* Garrison the Garrison of *Borby*, sent also his Order to the Lieutenant of the *Gedanger Fort* to come into him; which he also readily obeyed unto: This being done, his Excellency mustered all the Forces, as well Foot as Horse, that were in the Fortress, and formed certain Troops thereof, under the Command of such Officers, as then were in *Malmoo*, distributed the several Posts upon the Castle and in Town amongst them, and recommanding to them as well the reparation as the defence thereof, exhorted them all together to an undaunted Courage and Loyalty to their King and Sovereign; and furnished all the Posts with a sufficient and requisite a quantity of all sorts of Ammunition and Arms, that so by an unexpected Attack no want might be in any place: After this he ordered the Burghers with all sorts of Engines to have a care of any fi ring, and put every where things into so regular a way and order, tha every man, as well by day as by night, could know his station, an

what he was to do: Furthermore did he engage all those Officers, that were in Town, by an Obligation under Oath, not to think of any Capitulation, much less to speak thereof, or to suffer, that any body should speak about it, but to defend the place to the utmost for His Majesties service. His Excellency also did dispose, in case of mortality, about the succession in his Command, for to avoid any confusion and neglect of due defence. On the 6th day of *June* the Enemy did appear upon *Kirsberg* before *Malmoo*, early in the Morning, with Eight Squadrons, under the Command of Major General *Walter*, and took some Cattel away; continued his station till Noon by *Skrewelling*, and about Evening drew up towards *Hukansdorff*, where he lodged himself and distributed his Sentinels. The 7th of *June* came more Troops down by the way of *Lunden*, with whom was the Generals-Staff, and did seek out the approaches of the Castle, and about *Limhambn*. In the Afternoon Major General *Walter* sent a Trumpet to our Horse-Guard, and demanded in the King his Masters name the exchange of Prisoners; whereupon our Governour sent back to him by a Trumpet a project of the desired Exchange. On the 8th *ditto* did most of their Troops by break of day draw up to *Limhambn*, and some other Troops came down from *Lunden*: About 7 a clock in the Evening came one Danish Man of War before *Malmoo*. The 9th *ditto* came the Enemies whole Army, Cavalry, Artillery, and Infantry, consisting in 23 Battallions, marching down from *Lunden*, and encamped from *Skrewelingen* up till *Holle*. The 10th *ditto*, in the Morning, did the Enemy fire nine Guns upon the Castle and Town, which was answered with four of ours from the Bastion of *Malmoo*, against their camp under the Long Mountain: The same day came another Danish Man of War to anchor before *Malmoo*, and in the Evening a Danish Cavalier was brought in Prisoner. On the 11th *ditto* the Enemy lodged himself before the Castle and the East and South Gates, opened his Trenches, and made his Batteries upon all the Posts. In the morning, the Adjutant of Duke *de Croy's* Regiment was brought in Prisoner, who made large speeches of the Enemies great Forces and designs. In the Afternoon there was another Prisoner brought in, belonging to the *Munster* Troops; and about the same time did the Enemy fire some Guns into the Town before the South Gate, and

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wrought very hard about all them three places; causing many Fassins to be carried by the Countrey-people for their purpose. On the 12th *ditto* did the Enemy advance with his Works very notably. On the 13th he did the like, and all the night over was continually fired upon their Workmen. On the 14th advanced the Enemy with his Work upon all the Posts very considerably, and there was a terrible shooting on both sides: By break of day did the Enemy endeavour to make himself Master of our hidden way, but was repulsed with loss. The Enemy continued his Works on the 15th *ditto*, but the Governour caused a Sally to be made by 150 Horse upon their Workmen about the Castle, who killed many of them, and return'd without any loss. In the Morning there were thrown before the South-Gate some Granadoes out of little Mortar-pieces, and some Pieces of Cannon brought up to the Batteries before the South and East Gates. On the 16th *ditto* the Enemy continued his Works before the said Gates, and made a Redout about the Shore: In the Evening they did beset their approaches a great deal stronger than ever they had done before. On the 17th the Enemy did approach very hard, chiefly about the South-Gate, and flung divers Granadoes; but about the Castle and the East Gate, did our Horse-guard often allarm him, and hinder him in his Works: Besides, there was continually fired from the three Posts, and stones flung by the Mortar-pieces upon the Workmen: To day did the Enemy very furiously fire into the Town, but, God be praised, without doing any harm. On the 18th at night, when the Enemy began to work, his Excellency gave order to allarm him by our Cavalry before the Castle and East-Gate, but before the South-Gate he caused a Sally to be made by the Regiments-Quarter-Master *Williamson* with 60 Cavaliers, who were a foot, and provided with Pistols and Short-Pikes; and this was done with so good a success, that they beat the Enemy out of his Lines, killed very many of them, and brought Major *Rockling*, with Lieut. *Bulow* and four Common Soldiers, Prisoners into the Town. In the Morning did the Enemy begin to throw Granadoes out of three Mortar-Pieces into the Castle, and threw this day 42 Granadoes and 6 Fire-balls, but without doing any harm. On the 19th *ditto* there was little done, onely the Enemy did stregnthen his Lines, and beset them more than ordinary, fearing

a further Sally. In the Morning about five a Clock did our Governour at the Shore by the East-Gate, make a Sally with 250 Horse and 150 Musqueteers, under the Command of Lieutenant Collonel *Wachmeyster*, upon Major General *Bibow*'s Post, and beat them out of their Lines and one Redout, killed above one hundred, amongst whom there were many Officers; the Musqueteers took Captain *Ropstoff* of Prince *George's* Regiment, and some Common Soldiers Prisoners: On our side was slain Captain Lieutenant *Crutsch* of the Vickish Regiment, one Cavalier, and one Musqueteer. On the 20th *ditto* the Enemy continued very eagerly his Works upon all the Posts, strengthened his Lines, and flung several Bombes into the Castle, but without any hurt. The 21th *ditto* the Enemy did still go on with his Works, began early in the Morning to fire upon the Bastion of *Malmoo*, and threw 14 Granadoes into the Castle, but without doing harm. On the 22th *ditto*, about Midnight, the Enemy having given the Signal with Cannons upon all their Posts, fell with great violence and fury upon the Counterscarps; but was beat off with a great loss in all the places: yet they did lodge themselves before *Stockholm*-Bastion upon the Esplanade, before the South-Gate they ran with their Line out of the Traverse into the Meadows. By break of day the Enemy did fire from all the Batteries very hard, and flang very many Bombes into the Castle. In the Afternoon came two French men running over from their Camp, and informed that they had lost upon their Post before the Castle in this Attack above 300 men, and that every Night very many had been killed in their Works. The 23th *ditto* did the Enemy sling in the Night 42, and in the Day time 32 Bombes, but without any effect, fired from all the Batteries, and continued his Works. On the 24th they threw again in the Night 27 Bombes, shot from the Batteries, and very hotly pursued their Works against the Castle and the South-Gate: About the East-Gate, under the *Stockholm*-Bastion they lodged themselves upon the Breast-work of the hidden way, and made a Battery there. On the 25th *ditto* did the Enemy work very hard at Night before the Castle, and drew a New Line from the Shore against the Damm, and threw 12 Bombes, but without doing any harm. About the South-Gate they drew yet a New Line before the Right Face of the Rave-

lin, and played hard with their Cannons. Before the *Stockholm*-Baſtion we did not perceive any New Works, but they ſtrengthened their other Works, and advanced towards the Ditch. In the Day-time did they throw 20 Granadoes into the Caſtle, but without any conſiderable harm. This Evening was Captain *Norman* ſhot through his head with two Bullets, whereof he immediately died. In the Night the Enemy was obſerved to march hard in all the Approaches, and to be extraordinary buſie in all Preparations, whereby our Governour did conclude, that the Enemy deſigned a general Attack and Storm; and therefore according to his cuſtom, which he kept Day and Night, did ride about all the Poſts, and having diſpoſed the Artillery, Infantry, and Cavalry in a good order and poſture, encouraged them all to a ſtout and brave reſiſtance: About Midnight the Enemy began upon all the Poſts round about the Town and the Caſtle, on eight places at once, with all his Infantry and Dragoons to ſtorm; and ſhot during the ſaid Storm 42 Granadoes into the Caſtle. The Storm was very obſtinate, and laſted till the Morning; and although the Enemy had made himſelf Maſter of the Works about the Shore-Gate (wherein Captain *Matherne* courageouſly fighting, was killed) as alſo had taken Poſt by the Counterguard and before the *Stockholme*-Baſtion, and beſides had already paſſed the Ditch betwixt *Gothenborough* and *Malmoo*, and between *Malmoo* and *Norkioping*, and climbed up the Wall with ſeveral hundred men, and alſo made himſelf Maſter of the Caponiere before the Ravelin of the Caſtle; yet by the Divine aſſiſtance, and by our Governours great care, and the Officers and Common Soldiers good Conduct and Courage, hath he been beaten off and repulſed from all the Poſts with a very great Loſs as well of Men, as alſo of many Tinn and Woodden Pontons, which are now laid up in the Caſtle. In the Afternoon the Enemy did deſire a Truce, for to bury the Dead, which our Governour, for that time, for certain and important reaſons, did refuſe to grant. The next following Day, *viz.* the 27th *ditto*, they again deſired an Armiſtice for to bury their Dead, which then accordingly upon certain Conditions was granted; and there were a great number of Dead Corpſes from the Wall, the Ditch, and the Hidden Ways delivered to them, which they took and preſently buried

ried: amongſt whom there was many Officers. By thoſe that are taken Priſoners, and by the Deſerters, We are informed, that Major General Duke *Van Croy* and Major General *Bibow*, as alſo Collonels *Buſh*, *Keller*, *Warnſtett*, *Meldom*, and *Ramſtett*, and the Lieutenant Collonels *Pleſs*, *Bruneker*, and ſome others, whoſe Names we not as yet do know; and many Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, and Enſigns, are killed; Collonel *Brokhouſen*, Collonel *Schulenburg*, and ſeveral others are ſore wounded. The Regiments of Guards, Prince *Georges*, *Weyhers*, *Walters*, *Schonberghs*, *Shulenburghs*, *Baudiſes*, *Grandvillers*, and Count *Tecklenburghs*, are totally ruined; wherefore alſo, according to the Deſerters report, they have been fain to make a reduction of their Foot, and ſo form one Battalion out of three. According to their unanimous report, we hear that the Enemy hath loſt above 4000 Men in that ſtorm, and that all his Foot is ruined. It is to be wondered at, that the Enemy had perſwaded himſelf ſo firmly about the good ſucceſs of that general Storm, that the next Day after (by break of Day) above 60 Galliots, Yachts, and Ketches, hath been ſeen on the Shore ide, which were arrived for to carry the hoped Booty to *Copenhaen*; but meeting with no other than the ſharp Salute of our Guns, hey were obliged to go back as empty as they came. On the 28th *itto* was obſerved a great noiſe in the Enemies Approaches, when ney carried off their Cannon: About the Evening they drew their ſen out of the Approaches before the South and Eaſt Gates, and ept only at the end thereof their Centinels. The *Munſter* Troops ept as yet their Poſts beſet, but did not continue in their Works.)n the 29th *ditto* there was likewiſe obſerved mnch noiſe of Wagons going to and fro in the Night. On the 30th did the Munſteans burn their Approaches, and quitted them; the Camp as yet d ſtand, and we were hard at work, for to raze the Approaches. he 5th of *July* about Noon the Enemy broke up for good and all, t fire to the Camp, and bent his March towards *Lunden*; but d left ſome Regiments about *Limhambn*, which likewiſe the xt following Day in the Morning, with all the Veſſels that lay ere, removed and followed the Army.

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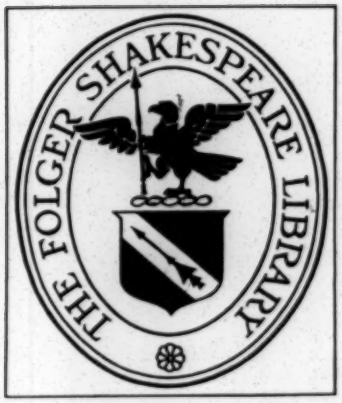
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